

Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
Minutes, May 10, 2012
Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room

Members present: Walter Foster (Chair), Roland Bourdon (Vice-Chair), Janet Adachi, Tory Beyer, Dore' Hunter, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Corrina Roman-Kreuze

Also Present: Steve Noone (Fincom Committee observer), Roland Bartl (Town of Acton Planning Director), Kristen Guichard (Town of Acton Assistant Town Planner)

The meeting was opened at 7:37 by Chairman Foster

1. Minutes of March 8, 2012 were approved unanimously.
2. Post Town Meeting Observations: Would like to see CPC present on the same nights as the other appropriations. This year the committee scrubbed down the projects. Chairman Foster and Vice-Chair Roland Bourdon found it interesting that they presented to Fincom before the CPC voted on which appropriations to bring to this years town meeting. They discovered that in fact it was very productive to present to Fincom before taking the CPC vote and maybe the way to proceed in the future.
3. Award Letter: The award letters for the 2012 were voted on and passed unanimously. The awards were as follows:
 - a. Acton Community Housing Corporation: Regional Housing Services Program – up to \$40,000.
 - b. Acton Housing Authority: Development Funds for Sachem Way – up to \$300,000.
 - c. Tow of Acton: T.J. O'Grady Skate Park Improvements – up to \$210,000.
 - d. Town of Acton: 468 Main Street – Access for Persons with Disabilities – up to \$70,000.
 - e. Town of Acton: Acton Memorial Library Window Restoration – up to \$12,000.
 - f. Town of Acton: Town Hall, Tower Clock Restoration – up to \$14,000.

Note: It is clearly noted in each award letter that the allotted funding can only be used for the projects and any leftover funds will be returned to the CPC for future appropriations.

4. Scheduling: The next scheduled CPC meeting June 14, 2012 at 7:30PM in the Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room to go over the CPC 2013 draft plan. A Public Hearing will be held on September 13, 2012 to receive public input on the 2013 CPC Plan.
5. Administrative Update: Susan Mitchell-Hardt updated the committee in regards to Open Space and that a Conservation Restriction (CR) needs to be in place before we can close the item. The first parcel purchased with CPC monies in 2007 still does not have a CR on it. The committee discussed the need to have someone oversee the CR Process and that each CR needs to have a Baseline report done. Chairman Foster and the committee felt that Peter Ashton (Open Space Chair and CPC Associate Member) will be ideal in the role due to his Open Space and previous

Board of Selectmen (BOS) experience and that Andy Magee would also be a good asset to help Mr. Ashton due to his experience on the Conservation Committee and previous BOS experience.

Roland Bartl gave an update on the sale of 8 Piper Lane. The property sold for \$204,701.25, of which \$162,942.88 returned to CPC and placed in the Open Space set-aside for future appropriation. The Town of Acton will receive \$41,758.37. Note: The property was sold without a Historic Preservation restriction in order to complete the sale.

Janet Adachi said that her tenure on the CPC will end with this fiscal year due to other BOS responsibilities that will be taking up a lot of her time.

6. Exchange Hall Update: Chairman Foster addressed the committee in regards to recent inquiries by several town citizens in regards to the release of CPC funds with access to the second and third floors being limited to stairs and not being handicapped accessible. The Architectural Access Board has denied Glenn Berger with a waiver from this requirement. Furthermore the original award letter spells out what has to be completed in order to receive funding from the CPC and those requirements have not been met without elevator access to the second and third floors.

The Board of Selectmen is the deciding body that can release the funds. Therefore this is now out of the CPC's hands.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Roland Bourdon, Vice-Chair